### Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan



Children's Product Recalls July & August 2008 Recap

# URGENT ALERT

2 Babies Have Died

Over 900,000 Simplicity & Graco Bassinets Have Been Recalled

# IS YOUR BABY SLEEPING IN AN UNSAFE SIMPLICITY OR GRACO BASSINET?





On September 11, 2008, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) expanded its nationwide bassinet recall. The CPSC's urgent safety notice now **affects Simplicity and Graco 3-1 and 4-1 convertible close sleepers and bedside sleepers.** The unsafe bassinets have a gap between the mattress and the lower bar. An infant can slip through the gap and suffocate.

#### If you have a Simplicity or Graco 9-1 or 4-1 baseines with the dangerous design flaw...

- Stop using the bassinet <u>immediately</u>.
- Return the product for a refund or store credit.
- Call the Illinois Attorney General's Recall Hotline at 1-888-414-7678.





















# What can I do to keep my kids safe from dangerous products?

- 1. Sign up for e-mail notification of all recalled products at www.recalls.gov.
- 2. Check the Consumer Product Safety
  Commission's Web site for recalled children's products at www.cpsc.gov.



3. Call the Attorney General's Product Recall Hotline at 1-888-414-7678 if you have questions or if you see a recalled product being sold in stores.



## Toys

The following is a list of toy recalls issued for the months of July and August 2008.



#### Redcat Racing FM Remote Controlled Vehicles Recalled on July 1, 2008.

The remote control unit can lose its signal, causing the toy vehicle to lose control, posing a risk of injury to the user or bystanders. The following models are included in the recall: the Hurricane XP and the Hurricane XP Pro, the Avalanche XP, the Monsoon XP, and the Tsunami Ultrawide. The vehicles were sold at authorized dealers nationwide from March 2007 through April 2008.



Sky Scrambler and The Sharper Image Wireless Indoor Helicopters Recalled on July 24, 2008.

The rechargeable lithium ion battery inside the helicopters can overheat, catch fire, and ignite nearby combustibles, posing fire and burn hazards to consumers. The Sky Scrambler helicopter has BH26047 printed on the tail. The Sharper Image helicopter has "The Sharper Image" printed on the tail. The helicopters were sold at mass merchandisers, department stores, drug stores, and other retail stores nationwide, and on the Web, from July 2007 through May 2008.



#### Bright Starts Ring Rattles Recalled on July 24, 2008.

The tip of the bee's antenna, which is attached to a bee figure, can detach and pose a choking hazard to small children. Model number 8534 and date code PA8 are printed on a sewn-in label on the bee's head. The rattles were sold at toy stores, mass merchandisers, and other retail stores nationwide from January 2008 through June 2008.



#### Classic Horseshoe Magnets Recalled on July 24, 2008.

The plastic coating on the magnets contains high levels of lead. The horseshoes are 6 inches tall and have a red plastic coating on the handle end. Each foot of the magnets has an engraved "S" or an engraved "N." The magnets were sold at specialty retail stores and educational supply distributors nationwide from March 2003 through April 2008.



Pacific Science Magnets Recalled on July 24, 2008.

The paint on the magnets contains high levels of lead. The recall includes the large and small U-shaped magnets, the large and miniature bar magnets, the magnet sets which include a compass, and the magnet needle sets. The magnets were sold by distributors nationwide who sold to educational institutions, including colleges, high schools, and middle schools from April 2000 through February 2008.



#### Stuffed Dog Toys Recalled on July 25, 2008.

The stuffed dog toys contain small parts which pose a choking hazard to young children. A tag attached to the toy is written in Japanese with the UPC codes 4947678264166 or 4947678246063. The toys were sold at Daiso retail stores in California and Washington from October 2007 through December 2007.



Earthentree Wooden Toys and Rattles Recalled on July 29, 2008.

The recalled toys contain small parts that can break into small parts, posing a choking hazard. The recalled rattles violate the federal rattle standard. Some of the toys also have a string longer than 12 inches, which can pose a strangulation hazard to young children. The toys were sold at Earthentree's Web site, fairs, trade shows, and retail stores nationwide from December 2007 through May 2008.



### Fisher-Price Learning Pots and Pans Recalled on August 7, 2008.

The toy is missing screws for the blue toy pan which can cause the plastic cover to come loose and release small balls, presenting a choking hazard to young children. The model number G6685 is located on the bottom of the blue pan. The toy was sold at discount department stores and toy stores nationwide from October 2007 through August 2008.



## Batteries Used With the Heli-Max Axe CP-L Radio Controlled Helicopter Kits Recalled on August 19, 2008.

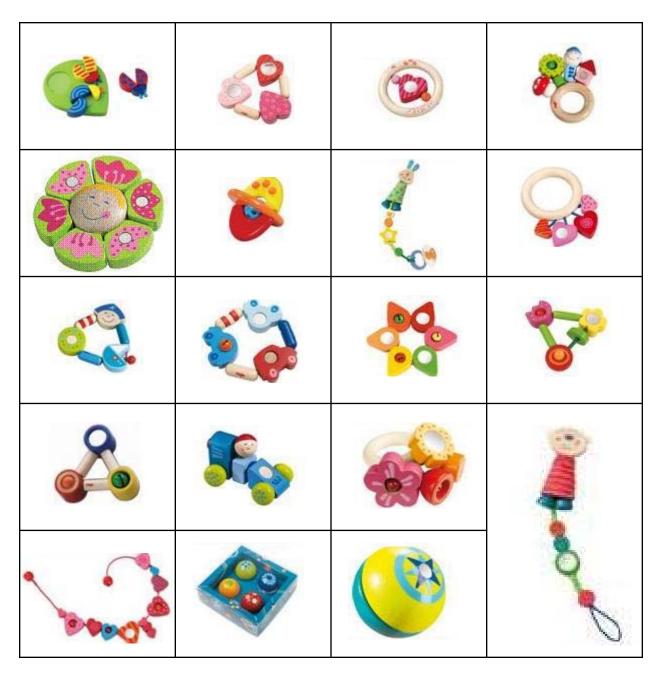


The rechargeable battery used in this helicopter can overheat and catch fire while charging, igniting nearby combustible materials. This poses a fire hazard to consumers. The recalled battery is the ElectriFly lithium-polymer battery, Part # GPMP0401, sold individually or with the helicopter. The battery was sold at hobby stores nationwide and online from November 2007 through March 2008.



### Taggies Strollin' Along Stroller Activity Bars Recalled on August 26, 2008.

The shiny material on the elephant's ear on the activity bar can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. The activity bars were sold at specialty stores nationwide and online from February 2007 through July 2008.



Wooden Puzzles, Infant Rattles, Pacifier Holders, and Stroller Toys Recalled on August 28, 2008.

The wooden rattles, pacifier holders, and stroller toys contain small pieces including glued on mirrors or prisms that can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. The head of the ladybug puzzle pieces can also pose a choking hazard. "HABA" is printed on all the recalled items. The toys were sold at specialty toy stores nationwide and at specialty online retailers from January 2002 through August 2008.

## Jewelry

The following is a list of jewelry recalls issued for the months of July and August 2008.



"It's a Girl Thing" Bracelets, Necklaces and Phone Charms Recalled on July 3, 2008.

The jewelry may contain high amounts of lead. The jewelry features a variety of charms including flowers, shoes, letters, and butterflies. "It's a Girl Thing" is printed on the packaging along with the UPC numbers 633870018419 (bracelet), 633870018426 (necklace), and 633870018433 (phone charm). The jewelry was sold by retailers nationwide from February 2006 through June 2008.



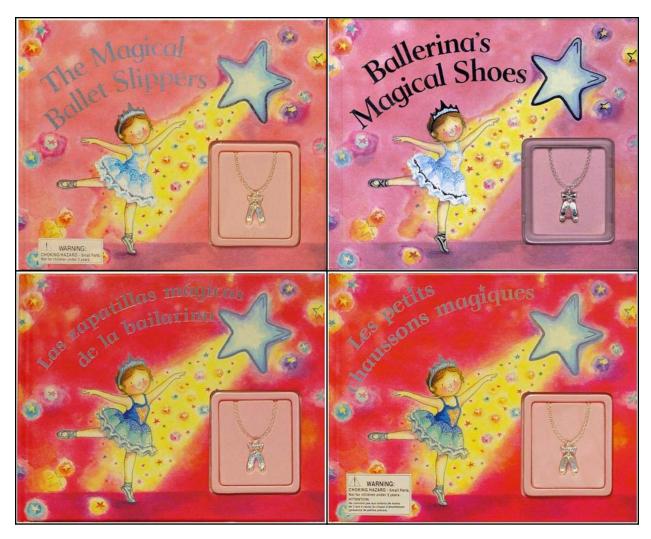
#### "Faded Glory" Lip Gloss, Locket, and Bracelet Sets Recalled on July 10, 2008.

The lobster claw clasp on the bracelet contains high levels of lead. The recalled three-piece sets contain a rectangle-shaped lip gloss container, a heart-shaped locket necklace, and a charm bracelet. The following models are included in the recall: the Frog Set, Model Number 6709-4250, UPC 72783357703; the Monkey Set, Model Number 6709-4251, UPC 72783357704; and the Cat Set, Model Number 6709-4245, UPC 72783357705. The sets were sold at Wal-Mart stores exclusively nationwide from May 2008 through June 2008.



#### Children's Charm Craft Kits Recalled on July 10, 2008.

The clasp in the charm craft kits contains high levels of lead. The recall involves "Super Dooper Charms" (Item # 63403) and "Shoelace Charms" (Item # 67310). The kits were sold at various retailers nationwide from July 2007 through April 2008.



Children's Necklaces with Ballet Shoe Charms Sold with *The Magical Ballet Slippers* children's Book Recalled on July 10, 2008.

The solder on the charm of the necklace may contain high levels of lead. The recalled necklace was provided with the purchase of a children's book titled *The Magical Ballet Slippers*, or alternatively titled *Ballerina's Magical Shoes*. The book and necklace were sold at retail chains and independent bookstores nationwide from January 2003 through June 2008.

## Cribs, Furniture, & Baby Gear

The following is a list of cribs, furniture and baby gear recalls issued for the months of July and August 2008.



Bayside Furnishings LaJolla Boat Bed and Pirates of the Caribbean Twin Trundle Beds Recalled on July 3, 2008.

The lid supports on the toys chests, attached to the beds as a footboard, fail to prevent the lid from closing too quickly, posing an entrapment and strangulation hazard to young children. The CPSC received one report of a death involving a 22-month-old boy who was strangled when the lid of the toy chest fell on the back of his head and entrapped his neck on the edge of the chest of the LaJolla Boat Bed. The beds were sold at Costco and furniture retail stores nationwide and Costco.com from January 2006 through May 2008.







#### It's My Binky Personalized Pacifiers Recalled on July 22, 2008.

The pacifier button, ring handle, and shield with nipple can detach, posing a choking hazard to infants. The recalled pacifiers have "Japlo" imprinted on the front of the pacifier shield at the bottom center. The pacifiers were sold in blue, white, and pink with various words or designs printed on the button of the pacifier. The pacifiers were sold at Nordstrom and baby boutique retail stores nationwide and online at itsmybinky.com from February 2006 through June 2008.



Mother Hubbard Cupboards Cribs Recalled on August 5, 2008.

The cribs fail to meet federal safety standards. The distance between the mattress support bracket in the lowest position and the top of the side rail in the highest position is less than the required 26 inches, posing a fall hazard to children who can climb over the railing. The recall includes the following models of full-size cribs: the Enchantment (Model # 210), the "Hush a Bye" (Model # 215), the "Once Upon a Time" (Model # 320) and the Rock a Bye (Model # 1900-350). Only date codes from 0306 through 0308 are included in the recall. The model number and date code are printed on the label located on the bottom inside of the right side. The cribs were sold at juvenile product stores from March 2006 through March 2008.



#### Baby Appleseed Davenport Cribs Recalled on August 5, 2008.

The cribs fail to meet the federal safety standards for cribs. The cribs have a two mattress support system. The secondary mattress support, used for the lowest position, does not meet the full 26 inch minimum in its lowest position, allowing children inside to crawl over the railing, posing a fall hazard. The recall includes crib models that begin with the model number 273-xxxx-xxxx and have manufacture dates on or before August 2007 printed on a label located on the right side of the lower inner panel of the crib. The recalled cribs have two mattress support systems—a metal one and a wooden one. Newer Davenport cribs with model numbers 244-xxxx-xxxx that have one mattress support are not included in the recall. The cribs were sold at specialty juvenile product stores nationwide from December 2006 through September 2007.



### Phil & Teds Strollers Recalled on August 28, 2008.

The strollers' hinge locking mechanism poses a laceration hazard to the user folding and unfolding the strollers. The recall covers the Phil & Teds e3 Single Buggy, the e3 Twin Buggy, and the Sport v1 Single Buggy Strollers. The strollers were sold at baby furniture and baby products stores nationwide from August 2003 through August 2008.



Modified Model Recalled Model

Simplicity, Graco and Winnie the Pooh 3-in-1 and 4-in-1 Convertible Close Sleepers and Bedside Sleepers Recalled on August 28, 2008 and Expanded on September 11, 2008.

More than 900,000 convertible close sleepers and bedside sleepers were recalled because the bassinet contains a dangerous design flaw. The bassinets have fabric on one side that can be folded down when the item is converted into the bed side co-sleeping position. When the bassinet is in that position, there is a gap between the mattress and the metal bar that is large enough for an infant to slip through and suffocate. Two infants have died in these bassinets. The CPSC initially published model numbers that the agency believed were affected by this recall. However, due to the efforts of the Illinois Attorney General, it is now known that bassinets with model numbers not on the initial list also contain the dangerous design flaw. Consumers should visually inspect the bassinets, and return recalled items to the retail stores where they were purchased.

The bassinets were manufactured from 2001 through 2008 and were sold at major retail stores such as Wal-Mart, Toys "R" Us, Kmart, Big Lots!, Target, J.C. Penney, Burlington Coat Factory, AAFES, Amazon.com, Bed Bath and Beyond, Chelsea & Scott (One Step Ahead), CSN Stores, Fingerhut Direct Marketing, Kohls, Shopko, USA Baby, Buy Buy Baby Garden City, Frogs and Lily Pads and Sweet Pea Décor, as well as other small retail stores.

Consumers who have a recalled bassinet should contact the Illinois Attorney General's Product Recall Hotline for assistance at 1-888-414-7678.



### Yayita Baby Hammocks Recalled on August 29, 2008.

The hammock can flip over, posing a serious fall and strangulation hazard to infants who get entrapped in the seat's restraint straps while upside down. "La Siesta" is printed on a tag located below the restraint straps. Model number YABP-1 is printed on a white tag sewn into the hammock's side seam. The hammock was sold in FlagHouse Inc.'s catalog, and online at flaghouse.com, and at BJ Wholesale Club's Web site at bjs.com, from September 2007 through August 2008.

## Clothing

The following is a list of clothing recalls issued for the months of July and August 2008.



Taggies Sleep 'n Play Infant Garments Recalled on July 1, 2008.

The snaps on these garments can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. The recall involves two Taggies Sleep 'n Play style infant garments, the Butterfly Applique and the Fun Dog Print. RN # 27829 is printed on the care label sewn into the garment. The garments were sold at Buy Buy Baby, Dillards, Nordstrom, and other specialty stores and Internet retailers nationwide from June 2007 through May 2008.



BongoCheetah Girls Jackets Recalled on August 6, 2008.

The garments have a drawstring through the hood which can pose a strangulation hazard to children. The recalled garments can be identified by looking at the care label for the following numbers: style number 8N6003 and RN number 119132. The jackets were sold at Marshall's stores nationwide from November 2007 through August 2008.



Request Jeans Drawstring Hoodies Recalled on August 6, 2008.

The hoodies have a drawstring through the hood which can pose a strangulation hazard to children. The recall includes the short sleeve hoodie (Item number 11188SG) and the long sleeve hoodie (Item number 11218LG). The hoodies were sold at mass merchandisers and other retail stores nationwide from January 2007 through March 2007.



Raw Blue Sportswear Hooded Sweatshirts Recalled on August 6, 2008.

The sweatshirts have a drawstring through the hood which can pose a strangulation hazard to children. The recalled sweatshirts can be identified by the following style numbers printed on the garment's sales tag: 7FT5655, 7FT5455, and 7FT5515. The sweatshirts were sold at TJ Maxx, Mega Trends, Moonstone Shirts, and MP Trading stores nationwide from July 2007 through December 2007.



### Sun Smarties Children's Board Skirts Recalled on August 12, 2008.

The paint on the grommets of the skirts contains high levels of lead. Skirts with Item Number 13926 HIBI printed on the care label inside the back of the waistband are included in the recall. The skirts were sold exclusively online at onestepahead.com from May 1, 2008 through May 9, 2008.



Hooded Sweatshirts and Jackets Imported by Orioxi Recalled on August 28, 2008.

The sweatshirts and jackets have a drawstring through the hood which can pose a strangulation hazard to children. The recalled items have "BAC" printed on the sewn-in tag on some of the garments. The sweatshirts and jackets were sold at "Shirt off My Back" retail stores in Colorado, Wyoming, and Michigan from September 2005 through May 2008.



Bonne Bell Children's Cosmetics Accessory Bags Recalled on August 29, 2008.

The metal clasps on the handle of the accessory bags contain high amounts of lead. The recall includes SMACKERS Sweet Treats Collection, Sparkle & Shine Collection, and Glam It Up Collection, as well as BONNEBELL Natural Neutrals Collection, Pretty Pinks Collection, Fresh Pinks Collection, and Glamorous Neutrals Collection. The recalled items were sold at retail stores nationwide and on Bonne Bell's Web site from September 2007 through August 2008.

## ATVs & Bicycles

The following is a list of ATV and bicycle recalls issued for the months of July and August 2008.



SunL Group SLA90 Youth All Terrain Vehicles Recalled on July 17, 2008.

The youth ATV lacks front brakes, a manual fuel shut-off, and padding to cover the sharp edges on the handlebar assembly. Additionally, the vehicle is sold without a tire pressure gauge or adequate flag pole bracket. These defects could lead to young drivers losing control of the ATVs, which poses a risk of serious injuries or death. The ATVs were sold at SunL Group dealers nationwide and by Web retailers from May 2005 through March 2007.

#### **Resource Guide**

For more information on dangerous children's products, please consult the following resources.

#### **Illinois Attorney General's Office**

www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov Recall Hotline 1-888-414-7678

TTY: 1-800-964-3013

Provides information to consumers on all product recalls.

#### **U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)**

www.cpsc.gov

Offers e-mail notification of new recalls. Also provides a listing of all past and present recalls so you can check for recalled items you may already have in your home.

#### Illinois Department of Public Health

www.idph.state.il.us

Provides a list of recalled children's products.

#### Kids in Danger

www.kidsindanger.org

Provides a variety of information on child safety and product recalls.

#### **Lead Safe Illinois**

www.leadsafeillinois.org

Provides information about lead poisoning and lead poisoning prevention. Lead Safe Illinois can direct consumers to locations that offer blood lead level testing.

#### Recalls.gov

www.recalls.gov

Provides a comprehensive list of all U.S. Government recalls, including food and drug recalls.

#### **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

www.nhtsa.dot.gov

Provides information regarding recalled children's car seats.